

I believe the proposal presented in RM-10808 is harmful to the interests of the Amateur Radio Service and for the effective and efficient use of limited available HF spectrum. Therefore, I strongly oppose it. The principle of testing for qualification in specific operating modes is a good one. However, there must be recognition that the Amateur Radio Service and hobby is very broad and at least minimal acquaintance (e.g., 5wpm CW, basic knowledge of modes and where they are used on the amateur bands) is useful to avoid harmful intermode interference at least. Also, the difficulty and costs of administering and enforcing a mode-specific licensing system based on 4 or more modes would be unsurmountable in practice.

Sincerely,  
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